

COMMUNITY NEWS

Elba Chamber of Commerce presents...

Bradley's Florist & Gifts November's Business of the Month

In October of 1985, Ralph and Sam Bradley decided that Elba would be the home of their new florist and gift business. After much deliberation over an Enterprise location or an Elba one, they chose the "small town, big heart" city of Elba.

Since opening the last week of December in 1985, they have been happy with the choice they made.

Their two daughters, Nicole and Carrie were educated in the Elba School System and graduated in 1992 and 1995.

Originally, the shop was located on Factory Avenue beside Wise's Men and Boys Store. Mary Alice Wise became a mother figure and offered encouragement every day. The business remained there until September of 1987 when Ms. Jeannette Garrett's home on Collier Street across from Elba High School was vacated. The house was purchased and renovated for the business.

After the floods of 1990 and 1998 and the relocation of the school system, Ralph and Sam again relocated the business. This move was to the old Donaldson Store building on Hickman Avenue. The business now has much more display area, parking area and workspace.

After almost 20 years of serving the people of Elba and surrounding communities, Ralph and Sam still very much enjoy their work and love the many wonderful friends they've made



Ralph and Sam Bradley have owned and operated Bradley's Florist & Gifts since late 1985.

over the years. Currently Lisa Deal, who has been at Bradley's for eight years, and Jeff Smart are employed at the business.

Christmas Festival pageants set for Friday, Nov. 19th

The annual Christmas Festival pageants will be held Friday, Nov. 19, at 6 p.m., at the Elba High School auditorium.

Attire will be Christmas dress. The pageant is not limited to Elba residents only.

Entry fee is \$10.00 and should be submitted with the bio sheet, which can be picked up at the Elba Chamber office or Elba/Zion Chapel Elementary schools.

Practice will be held Thursday,

Nov. 18, at 6 p.m.; this is not a mandatory practice. Those who plan to participate are asked to make sure the bio sheet and entry fee are turned in prior to the practice, in order to be assigned a number.

Divisions are as follows:
Baby Miss - Birth to 12 months; Tiny Tot Miss - 1-2 years; Petite Miss - 3-4 years; Little Miss - K-2nd grade; Mini Miss - 3rd-4th grade; Junior Miss - 5th-6th grade.

Queens and runners-up are invited to ride in the Christmas parade on Saturday, Nov. 27, at 4:30 p.m. Line-up will begin behind the old high school at 4 p.m. Adults are asked to ride with children under the age of 4.

For more information contact Starla Amison at 897-8301 after 4 p.m. (no calls at work please), or the Chamber office at 897-3125.

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Elba Adult DayCare building. County administrator Wilson Mobley said he has been informed that the roof is still leaking. He said there is money in the budget to do something about the roof.

County maintenance supervisor Phil Rugg said he doesn't see any other way to solve the problem other than putting on a new flat roof. He said the current roof has already been patched, and the leaking problem remains.

Commissioner Robert Stephens offered a motion to seek bids for a new flat-roof with a warranty of at least 10 years. He received a second from commissioner Linda

Westbrook, and the motion passed by a unanimous vote. Later in the meeting, Rugg suggested commissioners also look at doing something about the roof at the farm center. He said it also has leaking problems. Commissioners voted to seek bids for that roof at the same time as the adult daycare building's roof.

Commissioner Tom Grimsley suggested commissioners look at having direct deposit available for county employees.

Mobley said he has a memo prepared to send out with this week's payroll asking employees to let him know if they are interested in direct deposit. Also, he said he is asking what

banks the employees use so he can check and make sure all details are covered.

No time was wasted in placing responsibility on the group's newest commissioner, J.L. Weeks as he was approved to be the back-up commissioner authorized to sign checks when commission chairman Doug Dalrymple is not available.

"It's a privilege to be able to serve," Weeks said before the meeting was adjourned. "I want to represent everyone from corner to corner."

In other business, commissioners:

* Approved a motion authorizing county engineer Randy Tindell to place several surplus vehicles in the J.M. Wood Auction on Dec. 2nd and 3rd.

* Approved a resolution authorizing the chairman to enter into agreement with the Alabama Department of Transportation for debris removal.

The next meeting of the Coffee County Commission will be Monday, Nov. 22, at 9 a.m. in the community room of the county complex in New Brockton.

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Elementary School which is down 6.8 students.

The superintendent also took time Thursday evening to congratulate some of the school system's athletic programs.

She said the community of Jack is extremely excited these days because the Zion Chapel Rebels will be making a return trip to the state football playoffs. Ingram said a t-shirt had been created indicating, "Football is Back in Jack."

Also, Ingram said the girls volleyball team at Kinston again had a successful season. The team recently competed in the state playoffs in Pelham, Ala.

In regards to personnel, board members approved recommendations from Ingram including:

Certificated
Grant maternity leave under the Family Medical Leave Act to Bernadette Smith beginning approximately Dec. 10 for a period of six to eight weeks.

In other business, the board:

- * Approved a motion to allow Ingram to bid various surplus equipment. Ingram said the equipment either is no longer needed or doesn't work very well any longer.
- * Presented certificates to Carol Brand of the Enterprise Ledger and Linda Hodge of The Elba Clipper. This recognized the board's nomination of the two media representatives to the 2004 Education Media Honor Roll.

NOTICE

Local banks recently have been notified that some customers are receiving fraudulent phone calls about their banking business. According to officials, the customers are being asked to update their personal and/or account information over the phone.

Customers should not give out personal or account information unless they know who they are talking with at that time. Such information includes account information, driver's license numbers, social security numbers, etc. These type calls should be reported to the Alabama Attorney General's office.

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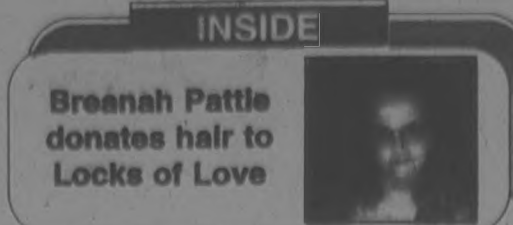
I would like to humbly extend my sincerest appreciation for your support and ultimately your vote. The promise and commitment of fairness, impartiality and to uphold and promote the highest degree of integrity will continue to be my standard throughout my term. I am humbled that you have placed your confidence in me, and I assure you I will not take your vote of confidence lightly.

I realize that we would not have been successful in this campaign if it had not been for the tireless efforts of the volunteers. I want to thank each of them for lending their time and more importantly their credibility to my campaign. I was blessed to be surrounded by good people.

Sincerely,
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In aftermath of a fiery crash

Elba residents Wesley DeVane and Johnny Senn jeopardize their lives to save another

by Linda Hodge, Editor

A three vehicle accident on Alabama Highway 87 in Pike County claimed the life of one person Friday night, Nov. 12, while "above and beyond" efforts of two Elba men most likely spared the life of another.

At approximately 11:30 p.m. Friday, Nov. 12, two vehicles collided head-on about three miles inside

Pike County on Hwy. 87 with a third vehicle also receiving damage. The accident resulted in one fatality and at least two injuries.

Had it not been for the heroic efforts of Elba residents Wesley

DeVane and Johnny Senn, Alabama State Trooper Cpl. Dale Cobb said he feels certain the accident would have also claimed the life of 22-year-old Justin Andrew Wilks of Opp.

For that, Cobb has nominated both DeVane and Senn to receive life saving awards.

DeVane and Senn were traveling with their wives and Senn's son after attending the Elba vs. Chert football game earlier in the evening. DeVane said they met a vehicle traveling at a high rate of speed, and it shook his vehicle when they met.

Seconds later, DeVane said he looked in his rear view mirror and noticed smoke boiling under a street light. At that point, he said he felt like that vehicle had collided with another, and he immediately turned his car around to go check.

When they arrived at the scene, DeVane said the front of Wilks' truck was on fire. Senn,

an Alabama State Trooper, was off duty that evening, but he immediately got in contact with the Dothan State Troopers office and began securing the scene.

"I was a police officer for eight years and have been a fireman for 10 years, but nothing ever prepared me for that," DeVane said.

He said they heard Wilks screaming from inside

his truck and without hesitation headed for the burning vehicle.

"We didn't think about it at the time," DeVane said. "We just did it."

Senn said there was no time for thinking. There was a human life in danger, and they just did what needed to be done.

When the two men reached the vehicle, they immediately jerked the door open to get to Wilks. DeVane said he had his seat belt on so he reached to release the belt, but they still could not get him out. His left ankle was hung under the brake pedal. By this time, the fire was making its way into the cab of the truck, so he said, "we just jerked him at that point."

"I had him by one shoulder and Johnny had him by the other, and we started walking away," DeVane said.

They had not taken many steps when the fire caused an explosion at the truck.

"Just five more seconds and that boy would have burned," said DeVane.

He said gas from the vehicles was all over the road and those fumes soon ignited. At that point, DeVane said he and Senn

picked Wilks up and began running with him.

"That was probably one of the scariest moments in my life," Senn said. "It was by the grace of God that we all made it. That's where the credit goes."

While DeVane and Senn were working to save Wilks' life, their wives waited. Dawn DeVane said they could not see their husbands, and when the truck exploded she looked at Johnny's wife, Melanie. They were horrified. Then relief came seconds later when they saw Wesley and Johnny running from the fiery scene carrying Wilks.

"I couldn't just sit there and listen to him scream from his burning truck," DeVane said. "I had to do something."

DeVane and Senn both said they regretted not being able to do anything for the other victim, but it appeared the impact of the crash resulted in immediate death. As of Tuesday, the accident remained under investigation by the Alabama State Troopers office, and the name of the fatality victim still was not being released.

Senn and DeVane visited Wilks at the hospital over the weekend, and they said it was great to see him doing better.

"Looking back, you realize how close it could have been for all of us," Senn said. "I'm just thankful he's (Wilks) all right."

In his nomination, Cobb said DeVane and Senn did what most people would not dare attempt to do.

"Without regard for their own safety they jeopardized their own lives to help save the life of someone whom they did not even know," he said. "I feel that these individuals are very deserving of the life saving awards and should be recognized for their heroic efforts."

Elba proclaims November as National Hospice Month

The City of Elba joins many others across the nation this month in proclaiming November as National Hospice Month.

Over the past week, Elba Mayor James Grimes has signed proclamations for two local hospice organizations.

In doing so, he offered the city's support of the organizations as they "provide patients and families with professional medical services, pain and symptom control, and emotional and spiritual support, most often delivered in the home, allowing patients to live in dignity, treated with respect, surrounded and supported by loved ones, familiar friends and committed caregivers."

Grimes encourages all citizens to increase their awareness of the importance and availability of hospice services.



ELBA MAYOR JAMES E. GRIMES signs a proclamation for DaySpring Hospice LLC. Those joining him for the signing included: Donna Hendrix, administrator; Sally Thompson, community educator; Yvonne Averett, community educator; and Lora O'Neal, volunteer coordinator.



ELBA MAYOR JAMES E. GRIMES signs a proclamation for Covenant Hospice on Monday, Nov. 15. Joining him for the signing were Donna McGee (left) and Lynn Latham (right).

REMINDER

The Town of New Brockton will present the third annual Harvest Festival and Dedication of the Don Helms Walking Trail Saturday, Nov. 20, from 8 a.m. until 2 p.m.

There will be arts, crafts, refreshments and gospel and country music. Some of the entertainment will include: Derek Snellgrove, Bo Smith, The Singing Miracles, Marty Gray and The Destiny Band.

The walking trail will be named after steel guitarist Don Helms, who was born in New Brockton Feb. 28, 1927.



GO TEAM!!! Michaela Moseley, left and Tripp Stephens, right, are ready for the Iron Bowl Saturday. Each is decked out in the uniform favored by their family (or by some family members) and even though they are in the opposing football camps of Auburn University and Auburn University of Alabama, the two were at the same party and obviously can still remain friends. A lesson hopefully copied by all Alabamians. Michaela is the daughter of Michael and Jane Moseley and Tripp is the son of Elizabeth Stephens.

The Elba Clipper introduces serial story feature

The Elba Clipper steps into new territory this week with the addition of a serial story feature.

The serial is a fictional story written by author Linda M. Hodge, who also currently serves as Editor of The Elba Clipper. It will appear one chapter per week with the first chapter

included in this week's edition of the paper.

"Carols for Christmas," is the first fictional story written by Hodge. She said it is an uplifting holiday story that should relate to people of all ages.

The story will appear for six weeks with the final chapter set

to publish the week of Christmas (Dec. 23rd edition).

Serial stories have proven to be wonderful teaching tools, as well as, quality reading for the entire family.

Chapter One of "Carols for Christmas" is located on Page 7 of today's paper.

Riley awards \$10,000 for recycling program in Coffee County

Governor Bob Riley this week awarded a \$10,000 grant to encourage Coffee County residents to conserve energy and protect the environment through recycling.

Recycling saves energy, keeps valuable resources from being placed in landfills and provides

recovered materials that can be used by factories in Alabama and around the southeast to manufacture new products.

"Wise use of our state's resources will have important long-term benefits for every Alabama citizen," Riley said. "I commend Coffee County officials for their efforts to encourage residents to recycle and I am pleased to provide these funds."

The grant will enable Coffee County to start a recycling program to reach a total of 44,000 households and businesses. A portion of the funds will be used to purchase a recycling trailer and "forks" for a front-end loader. The county will encourage the recycling of newspapers, office papers, cardboard, magazines, aluminum cans, appliances and scrap steel.

Riley awarded the grant from funds provided to the state through a program of the U.S. Department of Energy. He has designated the Alabama Department of Economic and Community Affairs to administer the grant.

ADECA Director John Harrison notified Coffee County Commissioners that the grant had been approved. Local matching funds of \$2,500 have been committed to the project.

Area Happenings

THE 2004 HIGH SCHOOL FOOTBALL PLAYOFFS continue Friday, Nov. 19, with second round action. The Brandy Bulldogs will be the only area team in action. The Bulldogs will host Reeltown with kickoff set for 7 p.m.

THE ELBA MINISTERIAL ASSOCIATION will sponsor a Community Thanksgiving Service Sunday, Nov. 21, at 6 p.m. at the Elba United Methodist Church.

THE ELBA CHRISTMAS FESTIVAL AND PARADE will be Saturday, Nov. 27, in Elba. The Christmas Festival will be held on the square beginning around 10 a.m. The Parade will begin at 4:30 p.m. Immediately following the parade, everyone is encouraged to gather around the square once again for a special lighting ceremony, the reading of A Christmas Story, and Christmas Carols presented by the Elba United Methodist Church youth.

THE ELBA CHAMBER OF COMMERCE will host a Sweet Sensations Christmas Bake-Off and Open House Sunday, Dec. 12. Categories of entry will be cakes, pies, candies and cookies. A winner will be named in each category as well as an overall winner. Entry forms can be picked up at the Elba Chamber office, and the deadline to enter will be Dec. 6 (there will be a small entry fee). Judging for the bake-off will be held Saturday, Dec. 11. The Chamber's Open House will be Sunday, Dec. 12, from 1:30-3:30 p.m., where everyone will have an opportunity to taste the prize winning desserts along with a lot of other goodies and door prizes. Tickets for the open house can be purchased at the Elba Chamber of Commerce office, Bradley's Florist, Tangles and Threads and at the Elba Christmas Festival.

NOTICE

The Elba Clipper office will observe special deadlines for the Thursday, Nov. 25, edition of this paper. The deadline for church and social news will be Friday, Nov. 19, at 4 p.m. The deadline for all other news and advertising will be Monday, Nov. 22, at Noon.

THANK YOU!

**YOUR OVERWHELMING SUPPORT
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My family would like to thank each of you. Throughout the campaign, we enjoyed making new friends and becoming reacquainted with old ones. I pledge to honor your trust with hard work and dedication on the bench.

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Paul Shierling



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EDITORIAL

Readers of The Elba Clipper will get something extra beginning this week. While it is not a TV soap opera, it is the first installment of a six week serial story. Written by our own editor, Linda Hodge, this Christmas story will take readers right up to that special day, and in a beautiful manner. Linda has been wanting to do something like this for the past year and when our diplomatic negative excuses ran out, the answer had to be yes. We think many of our readers will enjoy and surely appreciate the story.

Alabama voters went to the polls on November 2nd. With all the computer equipment in use these days, we still can't say exactly what the total vote was on a single statewide race or constitutional amendment! The individual county votes are official (we think) unless a recount is required. The reality of a statewide recount is still a strong possibility. While we agree to the idea of being sure every voter gets his or her vote counted, this is too much.

Of course it is even worse in other states. Officials in the state of Washington still can't tell anyone who will be their next governor. The last we heard, New Mexico was still counting presidential votes. They have a clear trend toward a particular candidate, but like so many other states are swallowing elephant and choking on a nut. We are not even remotely considering that someone "stole" an election or even tried to, but if this system isn't smoothed out, we could be headed for some real troubles down the road a few years.

It flattered us immediately after the election when both major candidates called for a "united country". We had just printed a Brainstorm with just such a demand and fancied we had them all shaking in their boots. Alas, regardless of "their shaking" or whatever, it didn't sink in with many of those closest to the microphones and cameras. Within days it was business as usual, with both sides blaming the other for the countries problems as they either waived or quoted from the bible. Even Hillary Clinton justified her position on major issues by quoting from the bible.

After the presidential election, several movers and shakers in Alabama's Democrat Party are blaming the party chairman for the problems. They say their party chairman must go. Lieutenant Governor Lucy Baxley, Agriculture Commissioner Ron Sparks, House Speaker Seth Hammett, are on a list of folks who signed a statement on Monday saying Chairman Redding Pitt doesn't serve the best interest of democratic candidates and needs replacing. In fact they want the Democratic Executive Committee to elect a new state chairman next month. We agree that the Democrats did rather poorly this year, but think the real reason is the straight ticket voters in Alabama who refused to support Democrat presidential candidate John Kerry. In Coffee County alone there were almost 4,000 people who blacked in that one Republican arrow. We see very little any one state party chairman (or chairwoman) could have done about that.

Not too many years ago the Republicans were calling for nonpartisan elections in our judges races. We agreed then and still support the idea. It is doubtful that idea would get very far with the Alabama Republican Party right now... about as high as a lead balloon. Republican candidates have all but taken over the judging business in this state. One can call it coattail riding or whatever, but it is a reality.

The Alabama legislature has actually gone to Montgomery, successfully tackled the job they were called into special session for and gone home. We salute them. Even then there is a tinge of distrust. Not direct mistrust of the lawmakers nor those who crafted the five money saving bills. Our concern is over the unknown or maybe the better word is unforeseen. So many times honorable sounding laws are passed with great fanfare only to come back and haunt the city, county or state it was intended to help because some enterprising group finds a loophole(s) which allows them to rip off those the new law was intended to help... or the poor helpless taxpayers.

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THANKS FOR YOUR SERVICE. Vivian Green (center) was honored recently by the Coffee County Probate office as she entered the field of retirement. Green worked with the county office for 25 years, and Probate Judge William Gamill (right) said she will surely be missed. Also pictured is retired Probate Judge Marion Brunson.

Santa Claws and Paws set for Nov. 27 & 28

The Wiregrass Humane Society presents Santa Claws and Paws. This event will take place November 27th and 28th

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from 1 p.m. to 5 p.m. It will also be held December 11th and 12th from 1 p.m. to 5 p.m.

Donny Bowling and his staff at Phototrama will be making photographs of pets with Santa. For \$15 you will receive two 5x7 color photos and additional package selections and Christmas cards may be purchased. You may also have your family holiday picture made with Santa.

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Obituaries

BONNIE BEATRICE BRADSHAW

Mrs. Bonnie Beatrice (Drewery) Bradshaw, age 46, of Elba, Ala., died Friday, Nov. 12, 2004 at the Southeast Alabama Medical Center in Dothan, Ala.

Funeral services were held Nov. 16, 2004 from the Chapel of Hayes Funeral Home in Elba with Rev. Ralph Medley officiating. Burial followed in the Evergreen Cemetery with Hayes Funeral Home directing.

Survivors include one daughter, Cynthia Rena Willis, Elba; two sons: Randolph Shon Willis, Manheim, Germany, Hubert Alan Willis, Elba; one step son, Steven Edward Bradshaw, Elba; two brothers, Nathan Drewery, New Brockton, Ala.; Benjamin Drewery, Jack, Ala.; two sisters: Sarah Belvin, Enterprise, Ala.; Barbara Charlotte Drewery, Ozark, Ala.; and one granddaughter.

MARY ALICE WISE

Mrs. Mary Alice (Jones) Wise, age 91, of Elba, Ala., died Wednesday, Nov. 10, 2004 at the Elba Nursing Home.

Funeral services were held Nov. 12, 2004 at the Elba United Methodist Church with Rev. Winston Jay officiating. Burial followed in Evergreen Cemetery with Hayes Funeral Home of Elba directing.

Mary Alice was a lifelong resident of Coffee County as she and her family owned a family business in Elba for many years.

She was an active member of the Elba United Methodist Church, serving on the board of stewards for many years, as MYF director and various other capacities in the church.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Elba United Methodist, Library Fund, 503 W. Davis Street, Elba AL 36323.

Mrs. Wise was preceded in death by her husband, James Joseph Wise Sr., and a son, James Joseph Wise Jr.

MATTIE LOU WAMBLES

Mrs. Mattie Lou (Davis) Wambles, age 89, of Opp, Ala., died Friday, Nov. 12, 2004 at the Opp Nursing Home.

Funeral services were held Nov. 15, 2004 from the Chapel of Hayes Funeral Home in Elba with Rev. Elbert Smith officiating. Burial followed in the Jack Assembly of God Church Cemetery with Hayes Funeral Home directing.

Mrs. Wambles was preceded in death by her husband, Vernon Wambles, along with three sons.

CECIL WAMBLES, JACK WAMBLES and Billy Ray Wambles.

Survivors include one sister: Lena Fuller, New Brockton, Ala.; 17 grandchildren, 36 great-grandchildren, 22 great-great-grandchildren and several nieces and nephews.

CLIFTON ORON MATTHEWS

Mr. Clifton Oron Matthews, age 90, of Elba, Ala., died Saturday, Nov. 13, 2004 at the Elba Nursing Home.

Funeral services were held Nov. 15, 2004 from the Chapel of Hayes Funeral Home in Elba with Rev. Bobby Holladay officiating. Burial followed in the Evergreen Cemetery with Hayes Funeral Home directing.

Survivors include his wife: Eva Mae Matthews, Elba; one son: Joel (wife Doris) Matthews, Elba; one daughter: Jenelle (husband Rodney) Thomas, Ozark, Ala.; 10 grandchildren and 12 great-grandchildren.

JOHN B. WISE

Mr. John B. Wise, age 92, of Elba, Ala., died Monday, Nov. 15, 2004 at Crenshaw Community Hospital in Luverne, Ala.

Mr. Wise was a businessman for over 50 years starting out in Brantley and later established a furniture and drygoods business in the Elba community.

Graveside services were held Nov. 17, 2004 at Wise Hill

Assembly of God Church Cemetery with Rev. Stanley Carter and Rev. Jessie Evans officiating. Burial followed in the Wise Mill Assembly of God Church Cemetery of Elba with Hayes Funeral Home in charge of arrangements.

The Wise family request that contributions be made to a favorite charity in lieu of flowers.

Survivors include his wife: Jenette McArthur Wise, Elba; two sons: John Milton (wife Lillien) Wise and Mack A. (wife Tulah) Wise, both of Luverne; one brother: Jack Wise, Elba; one sister: Mary Hughes, Andalusia, Ala.; five grandchildren and 13 great-grandchildren.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Dear Editor:

I had the privilege of attending the first round 1A playoff game between Zion Chapel High School and American Christian Academy on Friday, November 12 in Tuscaloosa. I commend the football team and coaching staff on their performance during the game. Even though American Christian prevailed on the scoreboard, the efforts and dedication of these young men speak volumes more than a final score ever could.

I also recognize the outstanding performances of the marching band and cheerleaders. Many long hours of preparation go into these games, and each member represented the school with pride.

I was not at all surprised to see the large contingency of students, parents, alumni and

friends who made the long drive to Tuscaloosa for the game. It was apparent that these fans outnumbered those of the home team.

As a former principal of Zion Chapel, I am so proud of "our" school for its accomplishments this year. If you missed the game last Friday night, you missed a real treat. I cannot think of anywhere I would rather have been, I look forward to future opportunities to cheer for the Rebels, both on and off the field.

Wayne Vickers

Tuscaloosa, Ala.

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Anastasia
Tzar had absolute power over Russia's 150,000,000 people. Nearly eighty per cent of them were peasants, living in small villages.
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It made no difference. In 1916, as Anastasia continued her luxurious life behind the walls of the Royal Palace, Russia lost nearly a million men, while agricultural production fell dramatically, leaving millions more facing hardship. Anti-war sentiment spread like wildfire, as millions watched their crops rot, and their husbands, sons, and fathers die.
By early 1917, most Russians blamed the Tzar personally for the disastrous situation. Unable to continue, he abdicated on March 15. Almost immediately, the new government arrested Nicholas, Alexandra, and their children.
Even though the war was universally unpopular, the new government continued fighting, failing to understand the depth of opposition among the troops. That summer, nearly 2,000,000 Russian soldiers deserted, returning to their homes.
Throughout the summer, the Bolsheviks waited for an opportunity to seize power from the provisional government. Led by Vladimir Lenin, they were communists whose power had grown by gaining control of governing councils in Moscow, St. Petersburg, and other cities. By early fall, they had trained a 25,000 member militia.
On November 7, 1917, their opportunity finally arrived. The communist militia surrounded the government's headquarters in St. Petersburg, known as the Winter Palace. In less than a day, the government realized that neither the army, nor the people, would support them and surrendered to the communist leaders. The Soviet Union was born.
The following spring Anastasia, her parents, two sisters, and brother Aleksey were taken to the Siberian town of Ekaterinburg. On the night of July 16, 1918, their guards murdered Nicholas, Anastasia, her mother, her brother and three sisters. For more information, take The Web Journey.
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Mel Allen. Courtesy of the National Baseball Hall of Fame.

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Default having been made in the payment of the indebtedness secured by that certain mortgage executed by Gary L. Beam and wife, Julie C. Beam in favor of GreenPoint Credit Corp., dated May 8, 1999, and recorded May 12, 1999, Book 112, Page 213, said mortgage being corrected and re-recorded June 3, 1999, Book 113, Page 600 in the Office of the Judge of Probate of Coffee County, Alabama, said default continuing, notice is hereby given that the undersigned, GreenPoint Credit Corp., under and by virtue of the power of sale contained in said mortgage, will sell at public outcry to the highest bidder for cash, at the main entrance to the County Courthouse, Enterprise Division, Coffee County, Alabama on December 2, 2004, during the legal hours of sale, the following described real estate situated in Coffee County, Alabama, to-wit:

A lot or parcel of land located in Coffee County, Alabama and being more particularly described as follows: Commencing at a point where the accepted East line of the SE 1/4 of SE 14, Section 3, T6N, R21E intersects the centerline of Coffee County Road #222, thence N 40°40'00"W along the centerline of Coffee County Road #222, 365.19 feet to a point, thence N 59°37'19"E 20.37 feet to the Northeastly right-of-way of Coffee County Road #222, thence S 40°40'00"E along the Northeastly right-of-way of Coffee County Road #222, 210.00 feet to the Point of Beginning. Said property being located in the NE 1/4 of SE 1/4, Section 3 and the NW 1/4 of SW 1/4, Section 2, T6N, R21E and containing 2 acres more or less. INCLUDING the following Manufactured Home: GENERAL MANUFACT JAGUAR 28x70, GMHGA1189923895A, 2000 GMHGA1189923895B

This property will be sold subject to the easements, encumbrances or other matters of record which take priority over the mortgage and are not disposed of at or prior to foreclosure.

This sale is made for the purpose of paying the indebtedness secured by said mortgage as well as the expenses of foreclosure, including a reasonable attorney's fee and other purposes set out in said mortgage.

GreenPoint Credit Corp. /s/ Paul J. Spina III ATTORNEY FOR MORTGAGEE Yearout, Spina & Lavelle, P.C. 1500 Urban Center Drive, Suite 450 Birmingham, Alabama 35242 (205) 298-1800 11-4,11,18chg

ESTATE OF LOUISE ELAND MILLER DECEASED
Probate Court PC-04-80

Letters Testamentary of said deceased having been granted to the undersigned the 27th day of October, 2004, by the Hon. William O. Gammill, Judge of the Probate Court of Coffee County, Alabama, said default continuing, notice is hereby given that the undersigned, GreenTree-AL, LLC, under and by virtue of the power of sale contained in said mortgage, will sell at public outcry to the highest bidder for cash, at the main entrance to the County Courthouse, Enterprise Division, Coffee County, Alabama on December 2, 2004, during the legal hours of sale, the following described real estate situated in Coffee County, Alabama, to-wit:

One lot or parcel of land in the Town of Kinston, Coffee County, Alabama as surveyed by Kinsaul & Associates, as per plat dated March 29, 2001, Job No. 01025, and being more particularly described as follows: Commencing at an iron pin set (IPS) (1/2" rebar, cap #19258) at the Northeast point of intersection of the Right-of-Way (R/W) lines of Stephen Street (40' R/W) and Florida Road (R/W varies), said point being 25 feet from the centerline of Florida Road; thence along the Eastern R/W line of Stephen Street, 13 degrees 41'20"W, for a distance of 443.05 feet to an IPS and the POINT OF BEGINNING; thence continuing along said R/W line N 13 degrees 00'42"W, for a distance of 398.73 feet to an IPS; thence leaving said R/W line at a hog wire fence S 16 degrees 49'34"E, for a distance of 1152.5 feet to an IPS at the end of said fence; thence leaving said fence

S 01 degrees 19'50"E, for a distance of 242.98 feet to an IPS in an old fence line; thence leaving said fence line S 76 degrees 41'43"W, for a distance of 179.21 feet to the POINT OF BEGINNING. Said land is located in the SW 1/4 of the NW 1/4 of Section 20, T3N, R19 E and contains 1.824 acres, more or less.

Together with a security interest in that certain 2000, 2854 Southern Homes, AK62150 Home, Serial Number SD4AL29439AB. This property will be sold subject to the easements, encumbrances or other matters of record which take priority over the mortgage and are not disposed of at or prior to foreclosure.

This sale is made for the purpose of paying the indebtedness secured by said mortgage as well as the expenses of foreclosure, including a reasonable attorney's fee and other purposes set out in said mortgage.

Green Tree-AL, LLC /s/ Conesco Finance Servicing Corp. ATTORNEY FOR MORTGAGEE Yearout, Spina & Lavelle, P.C. 1500 Urban Center Drive, Suite 450 Birmingham, Alabama 35242 (205) 298-1800 11-18, 25 & 12-2ch

NOTICE OF MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE SALE
ALABAMA COFFEE COUNTY ELBA DIVISION

Default having been made in the payment of the indebtedness secured by that certain mortgage executed by William L. Brunson Jr. and Rhonda B. Brunson, husband and wife to Lisa Wilson, as recorded in Book 29A, Page 1990, said mortgage being recorded in Book 29A, Page

360, in the Office of the Judge of Probate of Coffee County, Alabama (Elba Division). Said Mortgage was last sold, assigned and transferred to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc. The undersigned, the Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., under and by virtue of the power of sale contained in said mortgage, will sell at public outcry to the highest bidder for cash before the courthouse door of Coffee County, Alabama (Elba Division), during the legal hours of sale, on December 16, 2004, the following real estate, situated in Coffee County, Alabama, to-wit:

One house and lot in the town of Elba, Coffee County, Alabama, described as follows: Beginning at the corner of Polka and Davis Streets and running 100 feet West along the North side of Davis Street to line of Fannie Cunningham home property; thence North 139° 12' feet; thence East 100 feet to Polka Street; thence South 139° 12' feet along the West side of Polka Street to a point of beginning. Being the same property conveyed to Home Owner's Loan dated February 15, 1937, and recorded March 2, 1937 in Book of Deeds 3-A, page 518, in the Office of the Judge of Probate for Coffee County, Alabama, situated, lying and being in the County of Coffee and State of Alabama. Said property is commonly known as 606 W. Davis Street, Elba, AL 36323.

The indebtedness secured by said Mortgage has been and is hereby declared due because of default under the terms of said Mortgage and Note, including but not limited to the nonpayment of the indebtedness as and when due. The indebtedness remaining in default, this sale will be made for the purpose of paying the same, all expenses of the sale, including the fees and all other payments provided for under the terms of the mortgage, including the fees and all zoning ordinances, matters which would be disclosed by an accurate survey or by an inspection of the property, any outstanding taxes, including but not limited to ad valorem taxes, which constitute liens upon said property, all restrictive covenants, easements, rights-of-way, the statutory right of redemption pursuant to Alabama law, and any other matters of record superior to said Mortgage. To the best of the knowledge and belief of the undersigned, the party in possession of the property is Lloyd W. Carr and Janette G. Carr or tenants).

MORTGAGE ELECTRONIC REGISTRATION SYSTEMS, INC.
as holder of said mortgage David Van Buskirk Morris, Schneider & Prior, L.L.C. 1587 Northeast Expressway Atlanta, GA 30329 (770) 234-9139 MSP File No. 354.0407891ALADJ 11-18, 25 & 12-2ch

Annual Christmas Pageant to be held at
Kinston High School

The Kinston Athletic Club will have its annual Christmas pageant on December 4, 2004 at Kinston High School. It is open to girls 0-18 years old. Girls ages 0-6 years will be held at 3 p.m. Girls ages 7-18 years will be held at 7 p.m. Dress is Sunday attire or pageant dress. Deadline for entry is November 29, 2004. For applications or information contact Shari Sessions at 898-2523 or Lisa Wilson at 898-7225.

MISCELLANEOUS NEWS

Carols for Christmas

CHAPTER ONE
by Linda M. Hodge

The very second the bell began ringing Ali Morgan jumped from her seat and headed for the front door. She had wondered if that final bell for the day would ever ring.

Alli rushed through the halls. She knew her friends Jessica and Sam would be waiting outside, and she didn't want to waste any time joining them.

"You guys ready?" Alli asked as she ran out the door.

"You bet," Jessica replied.

Alli, Jessica and Sam had been friends for as long as they could remember. Their families all lived in the same neighborhood, and the three had grown up playing together. Now, at 12, they continued to spend as much time as possible with one another.

"I can't believe we're finally out of school for the holidays!" Sam exclaimed as the three friends began walking home. "For the next three weeks I don't plan on doing anything that reminds me of school!"

"Don't you just love Christmas break," Alli said. "You've got three weeks of freedom and you spend all your time going to holiday parties, eating lots of food and getting lots of presents."

"It's the best," Jessica added.

The trio soon made it to the end of Union Square, the small neighborhood they had lived their entire lives. Union Square was filled with family homes on each side of the street all connected at the end by the James home, which was the first house built in the community.

The James home was the centerpiece of Union Square, but through the years the structure had lost most of its luster. Many of the younger residents blamed that on current owner,

Author Linda M. Hodge is a native of Elba, Alabama. Carols for Christmas is produced in partnership with this newspaper. Copyright 2004.

Elba Police Report

The Elba Police Department, beginning Monday, Nov. 8, 2004, investigated the following incidents: two for assault; two for harassment, one reckless endangerment, one accident, one overdose, one burglary and one public intoxication.

The following arrests were made: one for domestic violence, one for assault and one for public intoxication.

Traffic citations issued during the week were as follows: two for speeding.

Daily activity highlights for the week were as follows: **MONDAY, NOV. 8** - River stage - 7.38 feet (7:11 a.m.); Coffee County EMS dispatched to the intersection of County roads 306 and 349 (8:57 a.m.); Prowler reported at 804 Cedar Lane Dr. (11:09 p.m.).

TUESDAY, NOV. 9 - Coffee County EMS dispatched to 1060 E. Davis St. (1:35 a.m.); Domestic disturbance reported at 74 County Rd. 263 (12:14 p.m.).

WEDNESDAY, NOV. 10 - River stage - 7.18 feet (7:29 a.m.); Two-vehicle wreck reported at the intersection of Hwy. 84 W. and the 203 Bypass (11:55 a.m.); Coffee County EMS dispatched to the wreck at intersection of Hwy. 84 W. and the 203 Bypass (12:14 p.m.); Elba Fire Department dispatched to the wreck at the intersection of Hwy. 84 W. and the 203 Bypass (12:29 p.m.).

THURSDAY, NOV. 11 - Disturbance (noise) reported at 864 Washington Ave. (12:21 a.m.); Coffee County EMS dispatched to 156 Powell Circle, Lot 22 (1:09 a.m.); Accident reported at the intersection of Hwy. 87 N. and the 203 Bypass (6:49 a.m.); Elba Fire Department dispatched to a vehicle fire near County Rd. 306 (9:25 p.m.).

FRIDAY, NOV. 12 - Domestic disturbance reported at 1022 Guyton St. (11:47 a.m.); Minor wreck reported on Davis St. near Ace Hardware (11:54 a.m.); Coffee County EMS dispatched to 339 Brunson Circle (8:26 p.m.).

SATURDAY, NOV. 13 - Disturbance (noise) reported at 1855 Hickman Ave., Lot C10 (12:09 a.m.); Fight in progress reported on Martin Luther King Dr. next to the funeral home (9:20 p.m.).

SUNDAY, NOV. 14 - Minor wreck reported at the Rocky Head Church (2:29 p.m.).

MISCELLANEOUS NEWS

Carols for Christmas

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"You know, we could have the best neighborhood decorations for Christmas if Old Lady Scrooge would get up and do something," Alli remarked as the girls made their way past the home on a cut-through walkway.

"Alli's right," Jessica said. "Everybody on Union Square gets out and decorates each year. It's a highlight of the holiday, but Old Lady Scrooge just

SPORTS

Views From....

THE PRESSBOX

By Ricky Mularz, Sports Editor

It is a tradition at the Mularz house for Mom and the girls to put up the Christmas tree every year on the weekend after Thanksgiving, but this year the girls will have to do it on their own if the tradition is to continue since Mom will still be in the hospital after a scheduled surgery late this week. They did get in a little shopping last weekend and are beginning to get the spirit of the season. However, if Dad has to pull out the tree and check the lights he may turn into Scrooge several weeks early.

TIGERS GO DOWN FIGHTING IN PLAYOFF OPENER

The Elba Tigers carried a 4-6 record into last week's playoff match-up with 10-0 Calera and while the coaches and players were confident the Tigers had a chance to win, most fans didn't share the optimism and made the long trip up to Shelby County expecting the Tigers to take it on the chin. Well, Elba was eliminated in the opening round battle against the third-ranked Eagles, but it was the Tigers that delivered the majority of blows to the chin and made it clear that the Elba Tigers are a team to watch in the 2A ranks and will be back even more determined to post a winning record and make noise in the playoffs next season.

Elba lost a fumble on the opening kickoff to fall behind instantly, had a long touchdown pass nullified on its first play from scrimmage and suffered one interception and four fumbles in the opening two quarters of the game. However, the Tigers trailed only 19-11 thanks to an aggressive defense that caused five turnovers of its own and then scored late and converted on a two-point conversion to send the game into overtime. Elba continued its comeback with a score and an extra-point in the overtime to regain the lead, but then saw its dreams dashed when Calera scored and converted a two-point conversion on a busted play to escape with the win.

While it may be true there was a block in the back that sprung the Calera back on the two-point play, even the loss could not take away from the way the Elba players fought for all four quarters against an undefeated opponent on the opponents' home field. The team that lost Friday night may have ended the season with a 4-7 record, but these Tigers were not losers on the field and showed their determination to turn the program back around Friday night. If that same determination and pride will carry over to the weight room and into the off-season program maybe next season the Tigers will be able to post a winning record and stay longer at the post-season party. Thanks, players and coaches for a long and always entertaining 12-week run through the 2004 season!

AREA TEAMS HAVE MIXED RESULTS IN PLAYOFFS

Two area teams kicked off last week in the state football playoffs and it was a tale of two teams as the Brantley Bulldogs advanced and the Zion Chapel Rebels made an early exit. Here's a quick look back....

*** **BRANTLEY (11-0)** - The Bulldogs led behind early and then rallied to get past a determined A.L. Johnson squad 22-8, in Brantley. The Eagles from West Alabama stunned the Bulldogs by pulling a first quarter lead. However, the Brantley defense kept the Eagles offense grounded after the early score and made some big stops that gave the Bulldogs a much needed spark. Brantley has now won three straight very tough football games and must find the will to keep going as the long season gets even longer.

*** **ZION CHAPEL (5-6)** - The Rebels saw their season end with a 48-0 loss to top-ranked American Christian, in Tuscaloosa, and while the lopsided loss had to be a major disappointment to the Rebels and their fans, the fact the Rebels made it to the playoffs was a reward for the coaches and players on this year's team. Zion Chapel had become an easy win for just about every team in South Alabama over the past few years and the program barely escaped alive after having to forfeit a game due to a lack of players. The Rebels are now back among the living in the 1A ranks, and after this year's success should be a team to keep an eye on next season. Great job!



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SPORTS

Fall to Calera 27-26

Elba ousted in overtime

By Ricky Mularz, Sports Editor
Photos by Mike Capps

The Elba Tigers came within one play of pulling off the upset of the season last week in the opening round of the Class 2A high school football playoffs, but instead watched as Calera turned a busted play into a two-point conversion in overtime as the Eagles escaped with a 27-26 win over the Tigers, Friday night in Calera.

The loss left Elba with a final record of 4-7, while Calera improved its record to 11-0 with the win and advanced to second round action.

Elba received the opening kickoff, but it was Calera that would turn the kick into points as the Tigers fumbled the snap back and the Eagles Paul Delbridge scooped up the loose ball and rambled 21 yards for a touchdown. The extra-point attempt was blocked, but with only 11-seconds gone into the game Calera was already on top 6-0.

The Tigers appeared to score on their first play from scrimmage when LaRay Williams pulled in a short pass from Brandon Kelley and raced down the sidelines 69 yards into the endzone. However, the Tigers were flagged for a holding penalty near midfield and the ball was brought back to the Elba 37-yardline and the points were wiped off the board.

Calera returned a pass interception to the Elba 35-yardline two plays after the touchdown was nullified and seemed ready to blow the game open early, but the Elba defense refused to budge and turned back the scoring threat one play later when the Tigers' Chase Brownell pounced on a fumbled pitch-out.

The Elba offense failed to move the chains on its ensuing possession and was forced to punt, but got a break when the Eagles were flagged for running into the kicker, and then converted on a fourth down and one at the Elba 45 when fullback Ryan Gibbs bulled for a three-yard gain up the middle. Brandon Kelley connected with Tiger wide-receiver Mason Gulley on a 52-yard pass play on the next play from scrimmage, and on the next play Kikko Logan scored on a 1-yard run to put the Tigers on the scoreboard. Brandon Kelley sneaked over for the two-point conversion and with 5:54 remaining in the first quarter the Tigers were on top 8-6.

Calera began its next possession at midfield and behind the running and passing of Terry Green moved to a first down at the Elba 28-yardline. Green gained 16 yards on two carries and completed a halfback pass for 8 yards on the short Eagle drive. However, the Elba defense again rose to the challenge and on regained possession on downs back at the Elba 33-yardline.

Two plays left the Eagles facing a third down and 15 back at the Elba 38, but this time the Eagles converted as on the third down play Mike Watts completed a pass along the sidelines to David Lacey, Lacey rambled to the Elba 8-yardline, where a hard hit knocked the ball loose, and the ball went straight into the arms of teammate Terry Green who fought his way into the endzone for a touchdown. A two-point conversion failed and with 3:38 remaining in the first quarter Calera was back on top 12-8.

The Tigers began their next possession at their own 31-yardline, but quickly moved to the Eagle 28 as Kikko Logan got the call on two straight plays and responded with runs of 8 and 33 yards. Elba reached a first down at the Calera 18 on a 6-yard run by Ryan Gibbs, but could get no closer, and on fourth down Evan Tew came in an booted a 43-yard field-goal to cut the Calera lead to 12-11 with 10:00 remaining in the second quarter.

The two teams played give-away on the game's next three possessions as the Eagles and Tigers combined to lose three fumbles on the game's next five snaps. Elba's Jessie Thigpen recovered an Eagle fumble at the Calera 34 and Stefan Burks made a recovery at the Eagle 43. However, the Tigers failed to turn either of the turnovers into points and was forced to punt three plays after the second recovery.

Calera put the ball in play at its own 4-yardline after a 35-yard punt by Elba's Brandon Kelley and stunned the Elba defense by covering the 96 yards in only six plays to extend its lead. A 73-yard scamper by David Lacey was the key play in the long scoring drive, while the touchdown came on a 5-yard run by Mike Watts. Corey Turnblom kicked the extra-point and with 3:32 remaining in the half Calera owned a 19-11 advantage.

The Tigers fumbled the ball back to the Eagles at the Calera 40-yardline on their next offensive series, but got the ball back three plays later when Trey Davis alertly pounced on a backwards pass at the Eagle 32.

Elba moved to the Calera 23-yardline on a 7-yard pass from Brandon Kelley to LaRay Williams, but came away empty-handed when on fourth down a 40-yard field-goal try by Evan Tew fell far short, and at halftime the Tigers went in trailing 19-11.

Calera began its first possession of the second half at midfield and behind the running of Terry Green moved to a first down at the Elba 10-yardline. Green gained 28 yards on three carries to lead the Eagles down the field, only to see the Tiger defense again rise to the challenge and knock the Eagles back as on fourth down at the 23 an incomplete pass ended the Eagle scoring opportunity.

Calera reached the Elba 28-yardline on its next possession and once again appeared ready to extend its lead, but the Elba defense again refused to allow the Eagles into the endzone and led by the play of Carlos Aruz knocked the Eagles back to near midfield to force a punt.

The two playoff rivals went three and out on the game's next three offensive series as both defensive units remained in command, and it was the Elba defense that pumped life back into the Tigers' offensive attack when Kikko Logan recovered a Calera fumble at the Eagle 48-yardline with 5:34 left on the clock.

A 9-yard gain by Brandon Kelley and a 2-yard run by Ryan Gibbs gave the Tigers a quick first down at the Eagle 37, but the next three plays gained only four yards and left the Tigers facing a fourth down and six at the 33. Mason Gulley made a leaping catch for a 12-yard gain to give the Tigers a new set of downs at the 21-yardline, and one play later Brandon Kelley kept on an option and raced 26 yards for a touchdown. The Tigers needed to convert on a two-point conversion to pull even, and did just that as on the two-point play Brandon Kelley lofted a pass high into the endzone and Kikko Logan out-jumped a Calera defender and pulled down the pass to make the score Elba 19 Calera 19 with 1:26 left on the clock.

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Elba Tiger placekicker Evan Tew (89) booted a 43-yard field-goal last week in the second quarter to pull the Tigers within one point in 2A playoff action. Handling the placement chores was Jacob Forbes (7).



Elba Tiger halfback Kikko Logan (2) heads upfield for a big gain in playoff action last week. Logan gained 45 yards on 12 carries and scored one touchdown in the 2A playoff battle against Calera.



Elba Tiger cheerleader Melanie Mularz keeps the Tigers fired up as Elba rallies late in last week's playoff battle against the Calera Eagles.

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"Playoffs"

The Eagles ran out the clock to send the game into overtime, with Elba putting the ball in play first at the Calera 10-yardline. Two runs by Kikko Logan moved the ball to the 4-yardline, and on third down LaRay Williams took a handoff and barreled over the goal line for the touchdown. Evan Tew kicked the extra-point and Elba was back on top 26-19.

Calera scored on its third play in overtime on a 4-yard run by David Lacey and then called a time-out to set up a two-point conversion. Mike Watts rolled out on an option on the two-point play, but found his path to the endzone blocked by the Elba defense and pitched back to Terry Green. Green also found nowhere to run and cut back across the field in a desperation attempt to find the endzone and outraced the Elba defense into the corner of the endzone to give the Eagles the 27-26 overtime win.

Brandon Kelley gained 49 yards and scored one touchdown on seven carries to lead the Elba running attack, while Kikko Logan added 45 yards and one touchdown on 12 carries and Ryan Gibbs gained 24 yards on 4 carries. Kelley completed 4 of 12 passes for 66 yards, with Mason Gulley pulling in 2 passes for 64 yards. Trey Davis made 9 tackles, 2 assists and recovered a fumble to lead the Elba defense, while Kikko Logan and Jessie Thigpen both made 7 stops and had a fumble recovery. Carlos Aruz had 7 stops, and Joseph Plat added 6 tackles and 1 assist.

David Lacey gained 121 yards on 10 carries and Terry Green added 59 yards on 13 carries to lead Calera, while the Elba defense held the Eagles' Paul Delbridge to only 6 yards on 6 carries.

STATISTICS

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8	1st Downs	9
32-124	Rushes-Yds.	38-188
66	Passing Yds.	37
190	Total Offense	225
4-12-1	Passes	2-7-0
5/4	Fumbles/Lost	8/5
4-39	Punts-Ave.	2-37
9-70	Penalties-Yds.	12-77

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ROUND TWO

CLASS 1A	(11-0), Eclectic	(11-0), UMS-Wright
Loachapoka (11-0) at John Essex (6-4), Demopolis	(11-0) at Opp (7-4)	Handley (7-4) at Trinity (11-0), Montgomery
Sweet Water (9-2) at Milby (8-3)	Thomasville (10-1) at Demopolis (11-0)	Alexandria (9-2) at East Limestone (10-1)
Reeltown (8-3) at Brantley (11-0)	American Christian (11-0) at Autaugaville (7-4)	Hamilton (8-3) at Dora (10-1)
South Lamar (10-1) at Hazelwood (5-5)	Moody (8-3) at Chelsea (8-3)	Oak Grove (9-2) at Deshler (11-0), Tusculum
Addison (9-1) at Wadley (11-0)	Cedar Bluff (10-1) at Winterboro (8-3)	CLASS 5A
Ragland (9-2) at Hubbard (11-0), Courtland	Charles Henderson (8-3) at Homewood (10-1)	Pleasant Grove (10-1) at Citronelle (10-1)
CLASS 2A	Benjamin Russell (8-3) at Stanhope Elmore (9-1), Millbrook	Williamson (9-2) at McAdory (10-1), McCalla
Cottonwood (7-4) at Luverne (9-2)	Scottsboro (10-1) at Athens (6-5)	Hartselle (9-2) at Fairfield (10-1)
Red Level (10-1) at Houston County (9-2), Columbia	Buckhorn (8-3) at Oxford (9-2)	Parker (9-2) at Russellville (10-1)
Houston Academy (7-3) at Leroy (8-2)	CLASS 6A	Carver-Montgomery (7-4) at McGill-Toolen (8-3), Ladd Stadium, Mobile
Southern Choctaw (9-2) at Calera (11-0)	LeFlore (9-2) at Vigor (7-3), Prichard	Central-Phenix City (8-3) at Daphne (6-4)
Gaston (10-1) at Lineville (7-4)	Davidson (9-2) at Prattville (10-0)	Mountain Brook (8-3) at Clay-Chalkville (9-2)
Clay County (10-1) at Sylva (7-3)	Decatur (9-2) at Tuscaloosa County (10-1), Northport	Hoover (11-0) at John Carroll (5-6), Birmingham
Pyffe (11-0) at Woodland (8-3)	Minor (9-2) at Spain Park (8-3), Hoover	
Randolph County (10-1) at Red Bay (11-0)		
CLASS 3A		
Midfield (11-0) at Sumiton		
Christian (8-3)		
Springville (10-1) at T.R. Miller		
(10-0), Brewton		
Montgomery Academy (9-2) at Pike County (8-3), Brundidge		
Straughn (8-3) at Oneonta (11-0)		
Winfield (11-0) at Colbert		
County (7-4), Leighton		
Rogers (10-1) at Weaver (11-0)		
Cherokee County (10-1) at Hokes Bluff (8-3)		
Litchfield (8-3) at Lauderdale		
County (10-1), Rogersville		
CLASS 4A		
Geneva (10-1) at Elmore County		



Elba Tiger defensive tackle Jesse Thigpen (59) stops a Calera runner in his tracks in last week's Class 2A playoff opener. Thigpen had a key fumble recovery to help stop a potential Eagle score.



Elba Tiger cheerleader Mallory Allen watches as Calera celebrates after claiming a 27-26 win over the Tigers last week in 2A playoff action.



Elba Tiger linebacker Kikko Logan (2) sacks the Calera quarterback for a big loss. Logan made 7 tackles and had a fumble recovery in last week's playoff loss to the Eagles in the opening round of the 2A playoffs.

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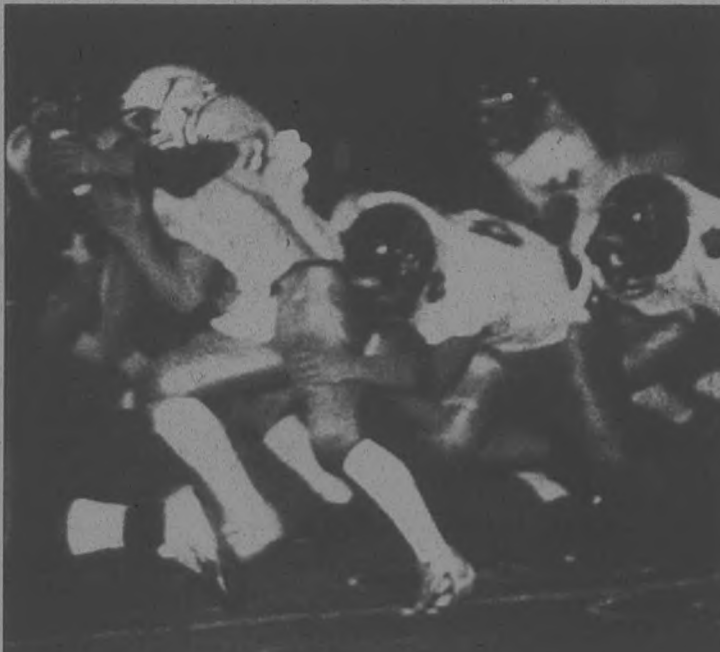
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FUMBLE.... Elba Tiger linebacker Kikko Logan (2) spots a fumble and heads toward the football. Logan recovered the fumble midway through the fourth quarter to set up the Tigers' game tying score in last week's playoff battle against the Calera Eagles.



An Elba Tiger defender makes the stop on a calera running back behind the line of scrimmage in last week's Class 2A playoff battle against the Eagles.



Elba Tiger quarterback Brandon Kelley (10) looks for room to run in action last week in the Tigers' 27-26 overtime loss to the Calera Eagles.



Elba Tiger quarterback Brandon Kelley (10) heads upfield for a big gain in last week's 27-26 playoff loss to Calera. Kelley gained 49 yards rushing and passed for 66 yards in the playoff opener in Class 2A.



Elba Tiger defensive back Relle Kelley (24) comes up to make a tackle in playoff action last week as a teammate comes in to assist.



Elba Tiger defensive tackle Jesse Thigpen (59) reaches out for a Calera running back in action last week. Thigpen made 7 tackles and recovered a fumble in the 27-26 playoff loss to the Eagles.



Elba Tiger noseguard Carlos Aruz (11) chases down a Calera runner for a loss. Aruz made 7 tackles and had 1 assist last week in the Tigers' playoff battle against the third-ranked Eagles.

SPORTS

With 22-8 win over A.L. Johnson

Brantley advances in 1A playoffs

By Greg Brunson
Photos by Janet Brunson

The scoreboard read Brantley 22 A.L. Johnson 8 when the clock reached :00 after Friday night's opening round battle in the Class 1A football playoffs. However, the Bulldogs' win wasn't nearly that easy as the Eagles from Thomaston showed

up with a fast, hard-hitting team and held the lead for a full quarter before a second half surge by the 'Dogs paved the way for Brantley's eleventh straight win of the season.

Devaris Skanes gained 38 yards on the first play from scrimmage to set the Bulldogs up at the Johnson 23-yardline, while Josh Burnett later added

an 11-yard gain as Brantley reached a first down and goal at the Eagle 7. The Bulldogs weren't able to reach the end zone on the early scoring opportunity; however, and settled for three points as Marcus Owens booted a 21-yard field-goal to put Brantley on top 3-0 with 7:24 remaining in the first quarter.

The Eagles put the ball in play at their own 23-yardline after an exchange of punts and stunned the Brantley defense as on second down Michael McGhee kept the ball around the left end and neared 75 yards for a touchdown. Antuan Coats ran in the two-point conversion and with :53 still left in the first quarter the Eagles were on top 8-3.

A.L. Johnson attempted a fake punt from its own 42-yardline on its next offensive series, but Brantley's Jeremy Dorsey broke through and tackled the Eagles' Brandon Fritts for a five-yard loss on the play to hand the ball back over to the Bulldog offense at the Johnson 37-yardline.

After three straight carries by Devaris Skanes the Bulldogs went to the air and moved the chains on an 8-yard completion from Edgar Walker to Lance Myers. Two rushes netted a first down at the Johnson 13-yardline, and one play later Walker found Myers again, this time in the corner of the endzone, for a Brantley touchdown. Myers made a one-hand twisting catch on the touchdown toss to give Brantley the lead, and even though a two-point conversion failed, the Bulldogs had regained the lead at 9-8 with 1:08 remaining in the second quarter.

Brantley's Josh Burnett recovered an Eagle fumble at the Johnson 26-yardline late in the third quarter and the Bulldogs quickly cashed in on the turnover to extend their lead. A 5-yard pass completion from Edgar Walker to Lance Myers on first down moved the Bulldogs to the 21-yardline, while Devaris Skanes got the call on the next two plays and responded with runs of 18 and 3 yards to reach the endzone. Marcus Owens kicked the extra-point and with 2:30 left in the third quarter Brantley finally had a little breathing room with a 16-8 advantage.

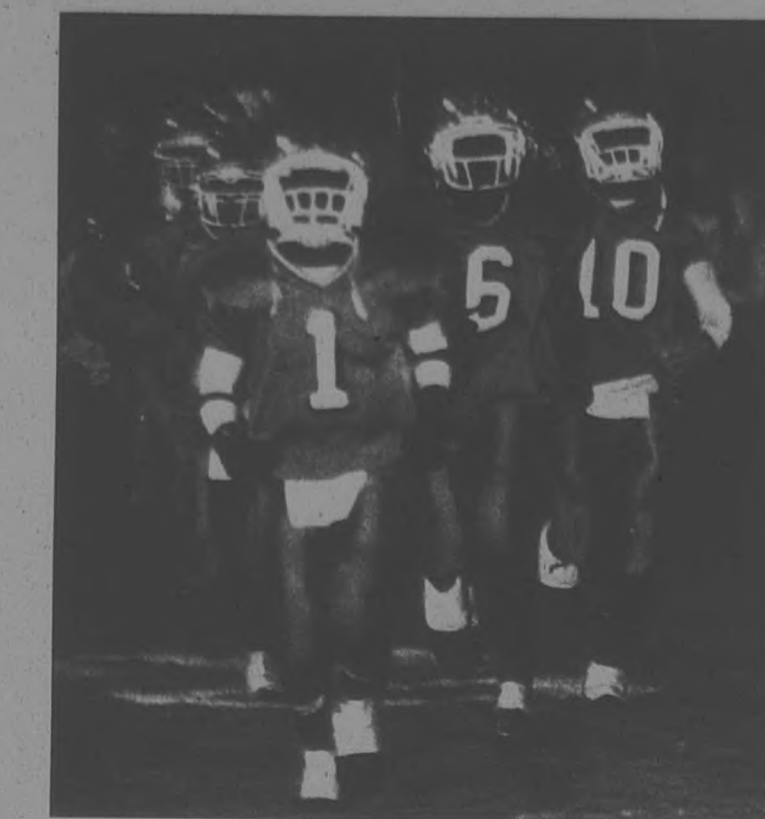
A.L. Johnson took the ensuing kickoff and raced down the field to a first down at the Brantley 28-yardline, but on fourth down Jon Tyson knocked down a Michael McGhee pass at the 10-yardline to turn back the scoring threat and preserve the Bulldog lead.

Brantley put the game in the hands of its running backs after the defensive stop and the Bulldog backs responded in championship fashion as Brantley marched 72 yards on 13 straight running plays that ate up over seven minutes off the clock. The long drive was capped off when Devaris Skanes followed the blocks of Jeffery Daniels and Josh Burnett into the endzone from one yard out, and even though the extra-point try failed, Brantley had the win wrapped up as it owned a 22-8 lead with only 1:50 remaining in the game.

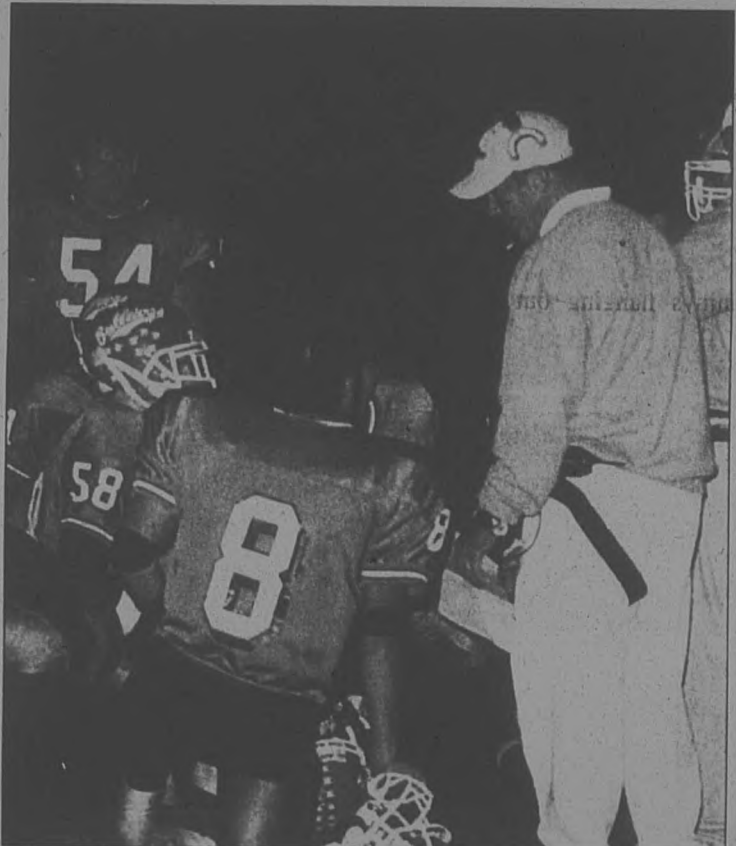
Devaris Skanes gained 111 yards on 24 carries and scored 2 touchdowns to lead Brantley, while Jeffery Daniels added 61 yards on 10 carries and Josh Burnett gained 49 yards on 8 carries. The Eagles were led by Michael McGhee with 103 yards on 13 carries.

STATISTICS	
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13	1st Downs 6
42-219	Rushes-Yds. 30-142
26	Passing Yds. 47
245	Total Offense 189
3-7-0	Passes 4-6-0
1	Fumbles Lost 1
4-25	Penalties-Yds. 10-65
11	Return Yds. 65
3-34	Punts-Ave. 2-35

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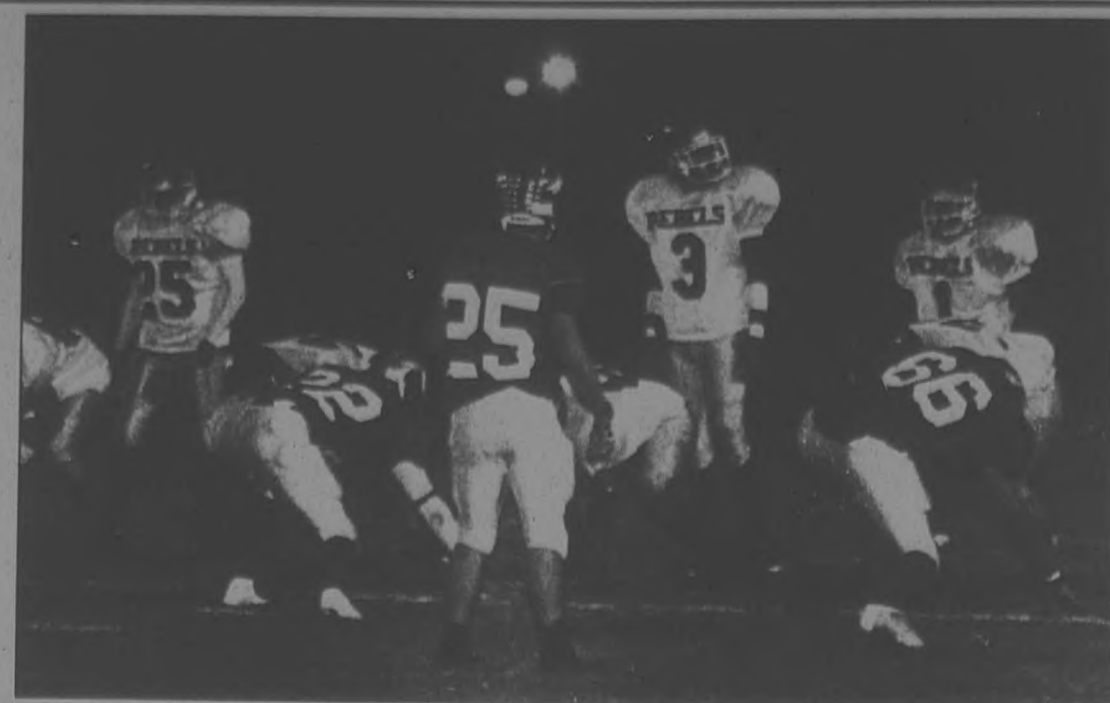
HERE COME THE BULLDOGS.... Brantley's Antvuan Foster (1), Thad Frazier (6) and Jeffery Daniels (10) lead the Bulldogs onto the field prior to last week's 22-8 win over A.L. Johnson.



Brantley Bulldog assistant coach Andrew Kilcrease talks with members of the Bulldog offense during a time-out in last week's 22-8 playoff win over A.L. Johnson. This week the 'Dogs will host Reeltown in round two play.



Brantley Bulldog defensive tackle Tyler Weaver (54) helps drag down an A.L. Johnson running back in last week's playoff win over the Eagles. The win was the 11th straight for the Bulldogs, which will host the Reeltown Rebels this week in second round action. Kickoff for the game will be 7:00 PM.



Zion Chapel quarterback Austin Smith (3) barks signals at the line of scrimmage as running backs **Brandon Taylor (25)** and **Charlie Hurd (1)** listen. The Rebels were ousted last week in the opening round of the 1A playoffs by the top-ranked American Christian Patriots.

Fall 48-0 in 1A playoffs

Rebels ambushed by Patriots

Statistics and photos by Chris Winters

The Zion Chapel Rebels marched into Tuscaloosa Friday night looking to knock off the top-ranked American Christian Patriots in an opening round match-up in the Class 1A football playoffs, but ran out of ammunition early and then never had a chance as the Patriots rolled past the Rebels 48-0.

Zion Chapel fired the first shot of the battle when Austin Smith gained 13 yards on the Rebels' first play from scrimmage, but the Rebels lost the ball one play later on a fumble near midfield and the Patriots quickly cashed in on the turnover to grab an early lead.

The American Christian touchdown came on a 47-yard pass from Chris Smelley to Jeffery Ogren, and Ogren also booted the extra-point to give the Patriots a 7-0 lead with 9:54 remaining in the first quarter.

A 16-yard gain by Charlie Hurd moved the chains for the Rebels on Zion Chapel's second possession of the night. However, three plays later the Rebels' gambled on a fourth down and two at their own 43-yardline and failed as American Christian regained possession at the Zion Chapel 45-yardline.

Two plays later Chris Smelley lofted an 8-yard touchdown pass to De Howell, and Jeffery Ogren again kicked the extra-point as the Patriots moved on top 14-0 with 6:36 left in the first quarter.

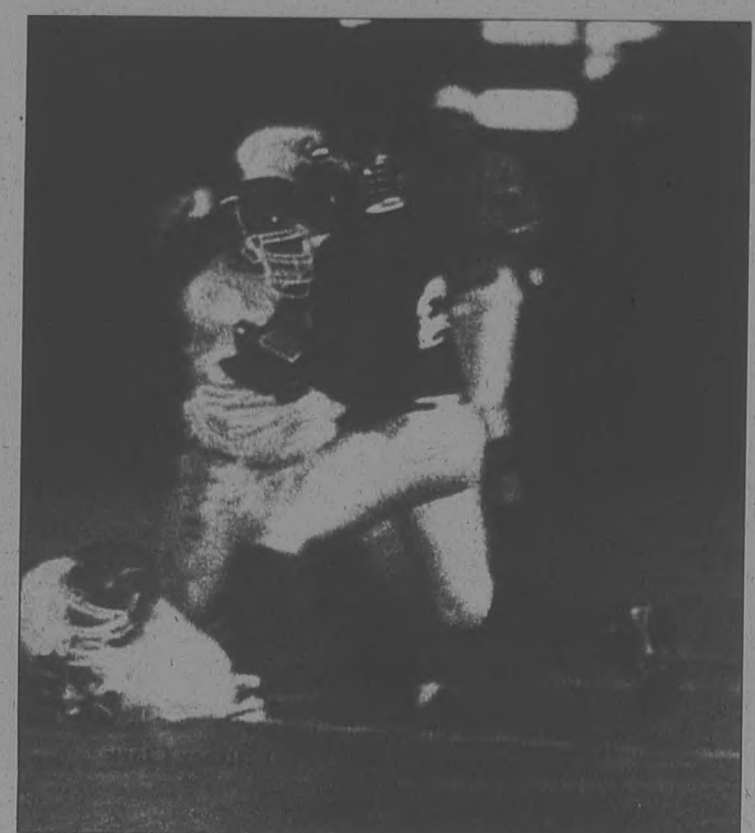
The two teams swapped turnovers on the game's next two offensive series as the Patriots' Rick Stovvey recovered a fumble at the Zion Chapel 31 and the Rebels' Abe Childs intercepted a pass at the Zion Chapel 14.

Zion Chapel got another break midway through the second quarter when Austin Smith picked off a Patriot pass in the endzone and returned the interception 70 yards, but the long return was wiped out by a penalty flag and after the walk off the Rebels put the ball in play way back at the Zion Chapel 12-yardline.

American Christian's Jordan Hastings returned a Zion Chapel punt 40 yards to set the Patriots up at the Rebel 2-yardline and on the next play the Patriots were back in the endzone as Walter Kearns bulled over from two yards out. Ogren booted the extra-point and with 5:21 remaining in the second quarter American Christian was in command with a 21-0 advantage.

Zion Chapel began its ensuing possession at its own 20-yardline and behind the running of Charlie Hurd and the passing of Austin Smith marched across the midfield stripe. Hurd gained 16 yards on four carries and 1 Smith connected with Abe Childs for a 5-yard gain to help the Rebels reach the Patriot 46-yardline. However, the Rebels' march ended four plays later when a fourth down pass fell incomplete and American Christian regained possession at its own 44-yardline.

The Patriots went to the air in an attempt to add a late score in the waning seconds of the half



A Zion Chapel Rebel defender applies a big hit to an American Christian quarterback just as he releases the ball. The Rebels ended the season with a 5-6 record after last week's playoff loss.



Zion Chapel's Abe Childs (4) cuts behind the block of teammate **Jamie Wise (10)** in playoff action last week against the American Christian Patriots.

and did just that as Chris Smelley fired a 66-yard touchdown pass to Jeffery Ogren. The extra-point try was blocked by Zion Chapel's Byron McWaters, but with :27 remaining in the half the Patriots had blown the game open and owned a 27-0 lead.

American Christian received the second half kickoff and completed 4 of 7 passes for 43 yards. Jordan Hastings gained 25 yards on one carry to lead American Christian on the ground, while Chris Smelley completed 9 of 21 passes for 268 yards and 5 touchdowns.

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5-40	Penalties-Yds. 6-65

SCHOOLS

Tiger Tales

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Kayla Kelley

EHS chooses FBIA officers



by Gale Olson

The 2004-2005 Future Business Leaders of America Officers include: President, Christina Bryant; Vice President, Shai Yelverton; Secretary, Shanika Pruitt; Treasurer, Cymricka Dean; Parliamentarian, Andrea Head; Reporter, Tina Washington; and Devotion Leader, Kim Jones.

E.E.S. initiates Extended Day Program

by Elizabeth Weeks

Elba Elementary School has initiated an after-school remediation program for students in grades three through six.

The program is held on Tuesdays and Thursdays, and students are provided with a quick snack immediately after school. They then study until 4:15. Four faculty members and teachers supervise and teach, and the students are provided with bus transportation home after the program.

Entry into this program is based on test scores, such as the DIBELS and SAT tests, and by teacher recommendation. Students in the Migrant program are also invited.

After school, the four teachers assist the students with homework, studying for tests, and remediation of their academic weaknesses. Reading is taught on Tuesday, while Math is on Thursday. The students have the option of attending either on Tuesday, Thursday, or both days.

There are about 30 children participating in the program. Mrs. Baker says this is a wonderful program for the students, and it has been a great success thus far.



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Breannah Pattie donates hair to Locks of Love

by Kayla Kelley

On Wednesday, Oct. 20, Miss Breannah Pattie, daughter of Lance and Kathy Pattie, made a very brave effort to help disease-stricken children.

Breannah donated eleven inches of her golden blonde hair to the Locks of Love foundation. Her generous contribution will go toward creating hair prosthetics for a person, under the age of 18, which has suffered from some type of medical hair loss.

Breannah is a first grader at Elba Elementary School. It is obvious by her sincere gift that Breannah has a heart worth admiring.

When asked why Breannah wanted to give her hair to this organization, Breannah said, "I wanted to do this because I thought little kids could get the hair and grow more."

This was a very special experience in Breannah's life and she will never forget the impact it will make for an unfortunate kid.



Breannah before haircut



Breannah holding the eleven inches she donated

Elba High School holds annual blood drive

by Cameron Irwin

Tuesday, Nov. 2, was Election Day, an important day for our country, but it was also a day for Elba High School students to have a chance to save lives.

On that day, Elba High School's Student Government Association held its annual blood drive. The blood drive had an amazing turnout of 74 students, which is much better than in past years.

The SGA officers and representatives aided in keeping the blood drive orderly throughout the day, and they did a great job, drive, which will be held in the Spring.

Association would like to thank all of the students, teacher and parents for participating in this great opportunity.

It is not every day that we get a chance to lend a hand to others in this way, and we appreciate all of the donations that were received.

We urge everyone in our community to be a part of the next blood drive, which will be held in the Spring.



Did You Know?...

by Whitney Lawford

Did you know that Mallory Allen eats syrup on her fried catfish?

When asked why, she replied, "It is awesome, and everyone should try it."

Mallory also said that she eats syrup on just about everything. "I will name just a few beside fried catfish, hushpuppies with onions, fried pork chops and any kind of fried fish. So now everyone should go out and replace your ketchup and mustard with some syrup. Sounds yummy, so go and try it."

EHS Student Spotlight

by Kayla Kelley

This week's student spotlight is Shawanna Wright. Shawanna, a junior at Elba High School, is the 16-year-old daughter of Lizzie Wright. This bright teenager is involved in many clubs and activities at Elba High.

Shawanna is a member of Sr. Beta, EHS Ambassadors and Girl Scout Troop #300. She also plays the trombone in the Elba Marching Tiger Band.

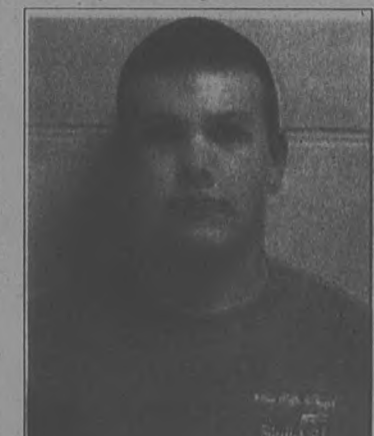
In her spare time, Shawanna enjoys hanging out with her friends, spending time with her family, and being involved with her church youth group. Her future plans include attending Stanford University to major in pre-medicine.

Shawanna's peers describe her as intelligent, dependable, and friendly. Her diligent work and community involvement are only two of the reasons this junior is very deserving of this spotlight.

Congratulations, Shawanna and keep up the good work!

Co-Op Spotlight

by Timothy Jackson



This week's Co-Op Spotlight is **Drew Parker**. He is the 16-year-old son of Charlotte Anderson and Freddie Parker.

Drew currently works for the City of Elba and has been working there since June. His job activities include grounds keeping and cutting grass.

Drew is an active member of Vica and FFA. His hobbies include hunting, fishing and doing anything outside. After high school Drew plans to own his own construction company.

Congratulations, Drew, for being this week's Co-Op Spotlight!

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HRDC taking applications in Coffee County for heating assistance through LIHEAP

Human Resource

NOTICE

The Elba Clipper office will observe special deadlines for the Thursday, Nov. 25, edition of the paper.

Church and social news in the Friday, Nov. 19, at 4 p.m. All other news and advertising will be due Monday, Nov. 22, at Noon.

Development Corporation will be taking applications for heating assistance through the federal Low-Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP) for Coffee County: December 6, 2004 at Enterprise Recreation Center and registration begins at 8 a.m.

An applicant must be the head of household or spouse of the head of the household. If an applicant is 60 years or older or disabled, he/she can authorize,

in writing, an individual to apply for him/her.

The applicant must provide proof of the total household (gross) income for the month of November, 2004, a copy of a recent heating bill and a social security number of the applicant and all household members.

For more information, please contact Mrs. Dottie Stricklin at 897-2667 or Ms. Rolanda Jones at 347-0881.



SUPER BOWL CHAMPIONS HONORED... The 2004 Elba Termite Tigers were recognized Sunday, Nov. 7, with a cookout and awards ceremony at Miller Memorial Stadium in Elba. The young-ster recently became champions after winning the Tri-County Youth Football League's Super Bowl. During the ceremony, team members and coaches were presented with a proclamation from Elba Mayor James Grimes, a resolution from State Representative Terry Spicer and each received his own personal trophy. The team members are shown above with their trophies. They include: Laquentin Adams, Jon Ashley Amison, Tyler Anderson, Thomas Cole, Waylon Craighead, Mason Davis, Harry Griffin, Martin Henderson, David Hutchison, Austin Johnson, Sage Kelley, Korie Machado, Gunnar McCollough, Donta Rogers, Chace Sauls, Ashton Senn, Sean Smith, Hayes Spicer, J'quenten Truitt, Bo Wiggins, Jordan Williams, Jeffery Wright. Also pictured are water boys, Tanner Hudson and J. Cole Spicer, and coaches Stevie Sauls, Rhett McCollough, Terry Spicer and Chuck Williams. Elba Recreation director Ricky Mulaz said a sign will be placed on the scoreboard before next year's season recognizing the 2004 Super Bowl Champions...the Elba Termite Tigers.

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Elba City Council moves forward on airport expansion

by Ferrin Cox, Publisher

The Elba City Council voted Monday night to move forward with a major renovation and extension of the Carl Folsom Airport.

The first step toward that effort is the purchase of the Beaver Dam Mobile Home Park, located at the North end of the single remaining airport runway. The resolution to purchase this real estate stated the property "is needed for existing and future municipal purposes."

Mayor James Grimes indicated the property owners are willing to sell the mobile home park.

The trailer park extends from the existing south right-of-way of U.S. Highway 84 to the airport property and contains approximately 4.28 acres.

Two additional resolutions dealing with the airport expansion were passed by the city council.

Both are administrative in nature and were necessary parts of applications for state and federal matching funds. They each authorize the Mayor and City

Clerk to sign the necessary legal agreements with state and federal officials to qualify Elba for the matching funds.

Resolution "A" (if accepted by funding authorities) will require \$49,623 in funding assistance from the State of Alabama Department of Transportation and an equal amount of local funds.

Resolution "B" (if accepted by funding authorities) will require \$354,450 in Federal Aviation Administration funds, \$35,445 in local funds and an equal amount in state funds.

The estimated total cost of the airport project is \$1,984,900. This includes vastly upgrading safety on the ground and in the air immediately around the air-

port, plus repairing (or completely replacing) the existing runway and extending the length. However, this could change drastically if the project is ultimately divided into several smaller projects.

Once the project gains approval, the federal funds will pay 95% of the total costs of the project, the state will fund 2.5%

and the city will supply the final 2.5%.

City officials hope this work and the engineering work accompanying the plan will raise the standards of the Elba airport to qualify the city for annual federal funds to maintain modern, acceptable safety features at the facility.

State airport officials are

expected in Elba within the next two weeks to review the airport and make recommendations on exactly how they feel is the best way to go forward with the planned runway extension.

Mayor Grimes said now that the city council has approved the project, he will be working with the airport authority to move the project forward.



Coffee County Commission approves motion allowing senior centers to purchase mini-vans

by Linda Hodge, Editor

The Coffee County Commission voted Monday, Nov. 22, during its regular bi-monthly meeting to allow its senior centers the opportunity to purchase vans from the state surplus lot or other sources pending monetary limitations.

Commissioner Linda Westbrook said the county senior centers currently have old vehicles in use, and maintenance repairs have been costly.

She suggested allowing the centers to use up to \$5,800 from their individual budgets to purchase the vans.

"We inspected all the vans the best we could and from our opinion they are in extremely good condition," Weeks said.

Westbrook presented her suggestion in the form of a motion. The motion allowed for the centers to purchase from the state surplus lot.

Westbrook said she, commissioner J. L. Weeks and county administrator Wilson Mobley had visited the surplus lot, and they inspected seven mini-vans available for purchase that should meet the requirements of the centers.

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Rabid animal found in Basin Community of Coffee County

The Coffee County Health Department this week reported the confirmation of the fifth case of rabies in an animal for 2004 in Coffee County.

This most recent case was confirmed in a dog in the Basin Community of Coffee County. The other cases confirmed earlier in the year consisted of three raccoons and one cat.

In addition to having dogs and cats immunized annually by a veterinarian, the following preventive measures will help minimize exposure to rabies:

- Avoid sick or strange-acting animals. A wild animal that appears friendly, docile or approaches humans, such as raccoons and bats, that become active in the daytime may be suspect.
- Do not touch, pick up or feed wild animals or unfamiliar domestic animals.
- Do not leave pet food outside. It encourages strays and wild animals to enter the community environment.
- Do not attempt to "rescue" seemingly abandoned baby wild animals nor injured domestic animals. Anyone who finds an injured or sick animal should contact their local animal control officer or a veterinarian for advice.
- Do not keep wild or exotic animals as pets.

For more information regarding rabies, call the local environmentalists at the Coffee County Health Dept. at (334) 347-9574.

NOTICE

The Elba Public Library will be closed Nov. 25 and 26, but will be open Saturday, Nov. 27 from 8 a.m. until 2 p.m. during which time a bake and book sale will be conducted.

2004 Elba Christmas Festival

Entertainment Schedule:

- 10 - 10:30 a.m. - Buck Gaines as Roy Orbison
- 10:30 - 11 a.m. - Karate Dolo
- 11 - 11:30 a.m. - Cloggers
- 11:30 - 12 Noon - 1st Baptist Church Children
- 12 Noon - 12:30 p.m. - Alabama Sam
- 12:30 - 1 p.m. - Abundant Life Youth Group
- 1 - 1:30 p.m. - Rob Hudson
- 1:30 - 2 p.m. - Alisha Jerrell
- 2 - 2:30 p.m. - Westside Baptist
- 2:30 - 3 p.m. - Covenant Community Church Youth Group
- 3 - 4 p.m. - Troy School of Dance

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Area Happenings

THE 2004 HIGH SCHOOL FOOTBALL PLAYOFFS continue Friday, Nov. 26, with third round action. The Brantley Bulldogs will travel to Tuscaloosa to take on American Christian.

THE ELBA CHRISTMAS PARADE will be Saturday, Nov. 27, in Elba beginning at 4:30 p.m. Immediately following the parade, everyone is encouraged to gather around the square once again for a special lighting ceremony, the reading of A Christmas Story, and Christmas Carols presented by the Elba United Methodist Church youth.

THE CHOCTAWHATCHEE, PEA AND YELLOW RIVERS Clean Water Partnership Steering Committee and the Choctawhatchee River Basin Committee will meet jointly Thursday, Dec. 9, from 2-4 p.m. at the Coffee County Farm Center, located on Highway 84 in New Brockton, Ala. The organization is comprised of private landowners, concerned citizens, and representatives from agriculture, industry, timber, municipalities, county commissions, education, local, state, and federal agencies, etc. The mission of the group is to identify and address water quality needs and concerns in the watershed. The Watershed Management Plan that is being developed for these basins will be discussed at this meeting. Anyone interested in the future of the watershed is invited to come.

THE ELBA CHAMBER OF COMMERCE will host a Sweet Sensations Christmas Bake-Off and Tasting Tea Sunday, Dec. 12. Categories of entry will be cakes, pies, candies and cookies. A winner will be named in each category as well as an overall winner. Entry forms can be picked up at the Elba Chamber office, and the deadline to enter will be Dec. 6 (there will be a small entry fee). Judging for the bake-off will be held Saturday, Dec. 11. The Chamber's Tasting Tea will be Sunday, Dec. 12, from 1:30-3:30 p.m., where everyone will have an opportunity to taste the prize winning desserts along with a lot of other goodies and door prizes. Tickets for the open house can be purchased at the Elba Chamber of Commerce office, Bradley's Florist, Tangles and Threads and at the Elba Christmas Festival.